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News Brief

Chill out

The Rhein-Main Base Chapel staff will sponsor a Combat Touch "Chill Out" event from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. July 23 in the youth center parking lot.

The chapel staff and members of the 469th Air Base Group Top IV will cook hot dogs and hamburgers.

At 2 p.m., *Robots* will be shown



for free at the base theater and children can also receive a free small popcorn and soda. Children 10 and older are

allowed to participate without their parents.

In the event of rain, food will be served in the theater foyer.

The purpose of the event is to provide a break from the stress of PCSing.

For more information, call the chapel at 330-7501.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Shannon Kluge

Fini flight

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – Lt. Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, USAFE vice commander, receives a proper "hose down" after his fini flight here June 29. The general departed Ramstein Air Base, Germany, June 30 for his new assignment as Headquarters U.S. Air Force assistant vice chief of staff.

USAFE receives new vice commander

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – Lt. Gen. Robert D. Bishop Jr. assumed the position of U.S. Air Forces in Europe vice commander July 6.

In his new position, General Bishop will conduct and coordinate offensive and defensive air and space operations for U.S. European Command on behalf of the USAFE commander. The general will also be responsible for providing administrative and logistical support to all Air Force units and activities in USAFE's geographical area of responsibility, which includes Europe and Russia, as well as regions in Africa and the Middle East. In addition, he will be in charge of Air Force negotiations with foreign and U.S. officials.

The general said he is excited about his new position.

"USAFE's strategic presence and unparalleled readiness are

key enablers for our nation," said General Bishop. "As we continue to sustain and execute the Global War on Terrorism, I can't think of a more exciting place to be than here in USAFE.

"I look forward to the opportunity of building lasting relationships with our host-nation friends and allies and working with the courageous men and women of USAFE, as well as any challenges this new position brings," the general added.

And, General Bishop is up to the challenge, said Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander.

"Our efforts today ensure our forces are ready to meet the challenges of the future," said General Foglesong. "General Bishop brings with him the correct strategic vision and focus that's

AF changes fitness test criteria

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials are making a few changes to the physical fitness test used to assess the fitness of Airmen.

In January 2004, the Air Force underwent a major change in the way it looked at fitness. As part of the Fit to Fight program, the service adopted a more stringent physical fitness assessment that measures aerobic fitness, physical strength/endurance and body composition.

Now, 18 months into the program, senior leaders are ready to tweak the assessment to make it even better, said Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor Jr., Air Force surgeon general.

"We have gotten together a group of scientists and done surveys asking folks if they like the assessment and are there issues with it," Dr. Taylor said. "This last year we brought an update to Corona and are now in the middle of updating a few changes to the Air Force instruction that defines the fitness evaluation."

Updates to AFI 10-248 will include a change in how body composition is measured, a new table for the running portion of the test that takes into account

the runner's elevation, and a change in the number of days an Airman must wait before retesting after having scored in the marginal category.

Under the original fitness evaluation, body composition scores were based on abdominal circumference only. The updated AFI will now direct that body composition also be measured using body mass index.

BMI is calculated by dividing weight in pounds by height in inches squared, and multiplying the result by 703. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, those with a BMI between 18.5 and 24.9 are considered to be normal. Those with a BMI of 25 or above are considered overweight.

Under the updated AFI, Airmen with a BMI of less than 25 will earn the full 30 points for body composition. For Airmen who score a BMI 25 and above, Dr. Taylor said the results of the waist measurement would be used to calculate their test score.

"That will still be an important measure of their health," he said. "Waist measure is closely related to increased risk for metabolic syndrome, diabetes, hypertension and heart disease. Fat distribution is the critical indicator, as opposed to weight."

For those who score marginal, between 70 and 74.9 points, the Air Force plans to correct the time to retest at 90 days; currently, retest for marginal category is 180 days. This will be consistent with the retest time for poor scores, those less than 70.

Changes to the AFI will also include adjustment for those at high-altitude installations. This applies to those at

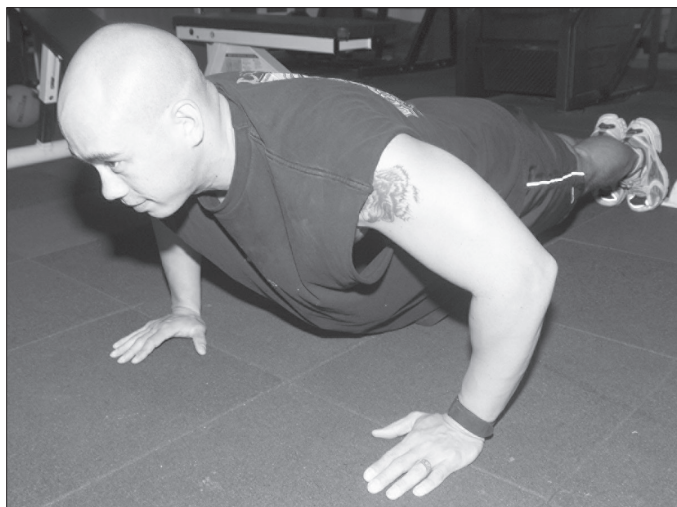


Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

Staff Sgt. Michael Chin, 469th Air Base Group Chapel, gets in a set of pushups at the base fitness center. Pushups remain a key part of the Air Force's physical fitness assessment.

installations with an elevation of 5,000 feet or greater, Dr. Taylor said.

"We'll use the formula for altitude calculations recommended by the National Collegiate Athletic Association," he said.

The Air Force continues to look at ways to improve the fitness evaluation and remains committed to the Fit to Fight program, Dr. Taylor said, because the program has proven successful.

"Participation at fitness centers is up 30 percent now," he said. "And if you go to the field, like in Iraq or Afghanistan, you will find a continued focus on health."

The assessment is not the focus of the fitness program, but a tool to assess the commander's fitness training program.

"I want to make very clear that my focus is not on passing a fitness test once a year," said Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, in his Oct. 17, 2003, Chief's Sight Picture. "More important, we are changing the culture of the Air Force. This is about our preparedness to deploy and fight. It's about warriors. It is about instilling an expectation that makes fitness a daily standard — an essential part of your service."

Dr. Taylor said he hopes the changes to the AFI will be made by late August or early September.

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needed to forge ahead as we continue to lead the way for the most respected, all-purpose air and space force in the world."

The general, who is a command pilot with more than 5,300 flight hours in the C-141, T-41 and C-17, was previously assigned as the assistant deputy chief of staff for Air and Space Operations at Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon. He has extensive wartime and contingency experience, and with tours at four strategic airlift bases, he also has a vast mobility background.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

Play it cool – by the rules

Col. Brad Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander, signed a Rhein-Main Pool Policy Letter July 6 concerning the operation of all types of pools on base. Pools of any type are not allowed on the main base, to include near contingency dormitories and in and around gazebos. The policy also applies to Gateway Gardens dormitories. There is a separate policy for the Gateway Gardens housing area as established in the Rhein-Main Housing Brochure. Residents should refer to the housing brochure or check with the base housing office in Bldg. 610 for more details on the policy.

Two USAFE bases receive top honors in 2005 Base Appearance Competition

By Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – Taking pride in appearance has paid off for two U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases with the recent announcement that Ramstein Air Base, Germany, was chosen as the command's overall Base Appearance Competition winner in the large base category, and Royal Air Force Alconbury, England, took first place honors in the small base category.

Both bases also won top honors for their self-help programs.

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander, made the well-received announcement here June 24 during an impromptu commander's call with the key leadership from the 435th Air Base Wing, 86th Airlift Wing and 38th Combat Support Wing; and June 25 with leadership from the 423rd Air Base Group at RAF Alconbury.

"Twenty-two months ago, Chief Coleman and I were standing in this same spot introducing ourselves and sharing our vision for some of our Combat and Special Interest Programs, one of those being Combat Proud," said General Foglesong, during the presentation here. "We're standing here again today to let you know that the interior and exterior of the facilities here at Ramstein look better now than they have in over 10 years, and I blame each one of you for that."

During the RAF Alconbury presentation, the general lauded

base members for their two-time win.

"I couldn't be more pleased that I'm able to present this award to the great people of RAF Alconbury again," said General Foglesong. "It's obvious that everyone here, starting with Airman Foglesong and going right up the ranks, has had a hand in base and facility improvements here

— the resulting appearance of this base shows the true reflection of the great men and women who work here and the pride they take in their 'home,'" said the general.

Combat Proud, one of 15 CSIPs within USAFE, was established to foster pride and productivity through the improvement of the interior and exterior of facilities and bases throughout the command.

This is the second Base Appearance Competition since the inception of the Combat Proud program in August 2003, said Capt. Todd Rupright, USAFE Combat Proud program manager.

"The competition was conducted differently this year," Captain Rupright said. "Instead of a formal Combat Proud team going to each base during a set timeframe, providing a formal in-brief, and then evaluating the base and its facilities, this year's evaluations were conducted under no-notice conditions by COMUSAFE and two Headquarters USAFE staff members.

"This allowed the USAFE commander to see each base in its normal day-to-day state," said the captain. "In essence, the no-

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OPSEC importance spans Cold War to present

By Col. A.J. Stewart

USAFE assistant director of air and space operations

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) — I arrived at my first operational assignment at Carswell Air Force Base, Texas, almost 23 years ago, just in time for the wing's annual operational readiness inspection.

During the Cold War, a Strategic Air Command bomb wing was always a tense place, but a SAC wing during its annual ORI? Let's just say Hollywood made movies about SAC ORIs.

Despite all the preparation for this ORI, there were cracks in the armor. The inspectors, primarily by listening in to base telephone conversations, pieced together almost the entire flying schedule for the upcoming exercise, including takeoff and landing times, tail numbers and names of crew members.

The inspectors also produced alert force rosters, planned changeovers, exercise targets, air refueling tracks and more.

Although no single piece was classified, each bit presented valuable information about the wing's upcoming activities — information our adversaries would love to get their hands on — all from monitoring open sources like the base phone lines, discarded paper copies and overheard conversations.

It was the height of the Cold War; we knew our adversaries monitored our activities and constantly probed us for soft spots and vulnerabilities.

Still, during its highest state of

readiness, our wing had leaked information like a sieve.

The premise of operational security is that the accumulation of one or more elements of sensitive or unclassified information or data could damage national security by revealing classified information. Fortunately, this time it was only an exercise and no one was hurt. Had our exercise been a real conflict, however, our operations would have been in serious trouble.

Some events one never forgets. As a young second lieutenant, I had it impressed on me that divulging sensitive information can happen unintentionally, lead to mission failure and endanger our people.

The Cold War is over, but again we find ourselves engaged in a global war in which a persistent and deadly enemy constantly probes us for weaknesses and vulnerabilities he can exploit.

Information may be collected by monitoring radio and telephone conversations or by analyzing telephone directories, financial or purchasing documents, position or "job" announcements, travel documents, blueprints or drawings, distribution lists, shipping and receiving documents, even personal information or items found in the unclassified trash.

Over time, seemingly innocent bits of information can come together like pieces of a puzzle to present a clear picture of our intentions. The goal of OPSEC, as a "countermeasures"

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The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.

The main objective of the Commander's Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.

If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven't been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil or call 330-7779. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.

Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.

The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf. If you have any questions, call Public Affairs.



Col. Bradley Denison
Commander, 469th Air Base Group

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Warriors of the Week



Staff Sgt. Kelli Wright

Unit: 469th Air Base Group Logistics Flight

Time in Air Force: 12 years, 6 months

Time at Rhein-Main: 2 years, 6 months

Duty Title: Contract Specialist

Hometown: Portsmouth, Va.

Hobbies: Raising children.

What has been your best Air Force experience?

Too many to single out just one.

469th Air Base Group Logistics Flight



Staff Sgt. David Smith

Unit: 469th Air Base Group Logistics Flight

Time in Air Force: 10 years, 6 months

Time at Rhein-Main: 8 months

Duty Title: Quality Assurance Evaluator

Hometown: Forman, N.D.

Hobbies: Traveling and playing sports.

What has been your best Air Force experience?

Having a line number for technical sergeant!

PROUD, from Page 3 —

notice evaluation showed how each base is sustaining Combat Proud.”

The evaluations entailed more than judging the general appearance of each base, said Captain Rupright.

“They also looked at how well Project Welcome Mat has been incorporated,” he said, referring to the subset of Combat Proud that focuses on the appearance and customer service aspect of the facilities new arrivals first encounter. “In addition the interior and exterior of the dormitories were looked at.”

But, the true test came after the ‘evaluators’ left the bases, said the captain.

“Part of this year’s evaluation was how the bases responded to the observations and areas noted as needing improvement,” he said.

One thing’s for sure, base leadership here and at RAF Alconbury couldn’t be more proud.

“All we have to do is look around and it’s apparent — military members living in

the Kaiserslautern Military Community take great pride in base appearance and that pride has led to outstanding results,” said Col. Robert Kane, 86th Airlift Wing and KMC commander here.

Col. Kurtis Lohide, 435th Air Base Wing commander, and Col. Richard Weathers, 38th Combat Support Wing commander, located at Sembach Air Base, Germany couldn’t agree more.

“Combat Proud is a long-term program and its effects will be felt many years down the road,” Colonel Lohide said.

“From the moment a newcomer sets foot on base, it’s apparent that we take pride in our people and facilities,” Colonel Weathers echoed. “We couldn’t be more proud of our KMC team.”

Lt. Col. Jack L. Jones, 423rd Air Base Group commander, is equally proud.

“Winning a base competition once is quite an achievement,” said Colonel Jones. “Being recognized in consecutive years is a phenomenal accomplishment, and a testament to our mission focus and dogged commitment to excellence. It’s nice to

2005 USAFE Base Appearance Competition Results

Large-base winner: Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Large-base runner up: Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England

Small-base winner: RAF Alconbury, England

Small-base runner up: RAF Croughton, England

Large-base self-help program winner: Ramstein AB

Small-base self-help program winner: RAF Alconbury

know our headquarters recognizes the hard work we’ve put into Alconbury and the entire tri-base.”

Under guidance provided by General Foglesong, funds received from placing first in the competition, will be used to support readiness, quality of life and services.

Smooth move

Planning ahead key to successful movement of household goods

By Airman 1st Class Eric Donner
Public Affairs

A permanent change of station can be a stressful time in the life of a servicemember – there's outprocessing appointments to attend, cars to ship and household goods to be picked up. To top it all off, there's the uncertainty of moving to a new base and a new home.

However, with a little planning some of the stress can be eliminated.

One of the first places on a member's list to visit should be the 469th Air Base Group Traffic Management Office.

TMO arranges the movement of household goods and unaccompanied baggage. TMO will set up a date or dates when movers will come, pack all of a member's "stuff" and ship it to a new base.

Being proactive is the key to ensuring a smooth move.

"Once you have your orders in hand come and talk to us," said Marta Goldner a shipping clerk at the base TMO.

On a daily basis, Mrs. Goldner offers customers suggestions to ease the moving process.

One of the first things customers need to know is what can and cannot be shipped. Some items that cannot be shipped are fuels, paints, paint thinner and anything corrosive or flammable. A complete list of restricted items is available at TMO.

Secondly, residents should plan ahead for the day they would like to move. According to Mrs. Goldner, the sooner people know their dates the sooner the request for a group of movers can be made. She said the movers can make changes once dates are determined, but it's easier for everyone involved if residents stick to the dates originally requested.

"Also be flexible with your dates," said Mrs. Goldner. "You can't always get the exact date you want, but the movers have

Pre-shipment protection

When making an application for shipment with the Traffic Management Office, determine the types of items which can be shipped and declare all items you consider to be high value. Retain a list of the high value items.

If you have antiques it is recommended that you get a pre-shipment appraisal on these items. This appraisal is used to show the value of the items prior to shipment and damage. If you feel you need insurance, discuss it with your transportation counselor.

Be present at the time your household goods or other personal property is packed. Make sure the carrier accurately describes your property's condition on the inventory.

The exact nature, location, and extent of all pre-existing damage should be correctly recorded. If you do not agree with the packer's description of the damage, note your exception on the bottom of the inventory under description of the damage, note your exception on the bottom of the inventory under "REMARKS/EXCEPTIONS."

It is helpful to have photographs of your high-value items to show their condition prior to shipment; mail or hand carry the photographs when you PCS.

been pretty good about accommodating residents."

Residents should also remember to have a contact number for when the movers arrive. The number given to TMO must be up-to-date. If a member is moving from an on-base dwelling, they must meet the movers at the Rocket Gate to sign them on to the installation.

If people have questions about TMO shipments or questions about what can or cannot be shipped, they should contact TMO at DSN 330-6129 or 069-699-6129 or stop by the office in Rm. 226, Bldg 347.

OPSEC, from Page 4 —

program, is to deny an adversary those pieces of the information puzzle.

Today's enemies are patient and determined. They can spend months, even years, observing and collecting information on what we do and how we do it.

By gathering bits and pieces of information on our intentions, capabilities, operations and activities, our enemies can gain enough insight over time to endanger our personnel and even our families as we work to

accomplish our missions.

Try looking at your habits, practices and schedule through an adversary's eyes.

What information could you gather?

Do you observe any unusual activities, rehearsals, distinguished visitor visits, schedule changes, special call signs, etc.? Do you discard recall rosters or similar documents without shredding them? Can you pick out bits of information, which, unimportant by themselves, could give important clues to those watching us? If you can, then so can the bad guys.

It is our collective responsibility to protect information about what we do and how we do it as though our lives depended on it. Cell phones and unclassified e-mail should never be used to discuss sensitive information. Use secure phones and email, shred documents, be careful of your surroundings and never forget that we are a nation at war with an enemy constantly looking for an opportunity to inflict harm.

Let's not make it easy for them. Remember, OPSEC is everyone's responsibility.

Walking tour

The FSC sponsors a families and teens walking tour of Frankfurt from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Participants can experience German culture with this introductory tour of the heart of Frankfurt.

Teens 15 and older need a permission slip from their parents to attend on their own and those 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The FSC staff recommends bringing at least 25 euros for expenses.

Call 330-7992 to sign up.

Black Forest

The FSC sponsors a free trip to the Black Forest town of Triberg from 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. July 30.

Triberg is famous for its cuckoo and grandfather clocks. A 20 euro refundable deposit is required to sign up.

Book, DVD check-out

Our House has books and DVDs available for check-out from 10 a.m. to

1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The facility has nearly 500 DVDs, a selection of children's books and nearly 100 adult paperbacks.

FSC services

The FSC has a variety of products and services available to make the PCS season go smooth.

Loan locker items such as dish packs, pots and pans kits, play cribs, strollers and more are available for check out.

The Time for Tots room is open for children's play time. Parents should call ahead at 330-7913 to make sure there are no classes going on.

For those who would like to use Our House or Time for Tots facilities outside the normal operating hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays can stop by and check out a key for parties or functions. There's no charge and participants can use the facilities for personal, squadron or club functions.

Movies at Rhein-Main

Friday - "XXX: State of the Union," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Saturday - "The Honeymooners," (PG-13), 5 p.m. and "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

Sunday - "House of Wax," (R), 7 p.m.

Wednesday - "War of the Worlds," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

July 22 - "Kingdom of Heaven," (R), 7 p.m.

July 23 - "Monster in Law," (PG-13), 5 p.m. and "Batman Begins," (PG-13)

July 24 - "Unleashed," (R), 7 p.m.

July 27 - "Fantastic Four," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

July 29 - TBD, 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at

www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp



Around Rhein-Main

Quarterly awards

The Team Rhein-Main Quarterly Awards Luncheon is set for 11:30 a.m. July 27 at the Rocket Sports Lounge. Cost is \$6 (cash only) and reservations need to be made by Wednesday.

Nominees include:

Airman: Senior Airman Ted Braxton, 469th Air Base Group Communications Flight; **Airman 1st Class** Daniel Brown, 726th Air Mobility Squadron; **Airman 1st Class** Brandon Pontious, 485th Intelligence Squadron and **Senior Airman** Larendez Lindsey, Det. 1, 2nd Air Postal Squadron.

NCO: Staff Sgt. Victor Wiens, 469th ABG Finance Flight; Staff Sgt. Darrel Cook, 726th AMS and **Tech. Sgt.** Alan Hubbard, 485th IS.

Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Fredrick Miller, 469th ABG Civil Engineer Squadron; **Master Sgt.** Edward Cady, 726th AMS; **Master Sgt.** Roberto Carreno and **Master Sgt.** Danny Watson, Det. 1, 2nd APS.

CGO: 1st Lt. Uriah Orland, 469th ABG; **Capt.** Justin Wellen, 726th AMS and **Capt.** Jarod Martin, 485th IS.

Civilian Category I: Michelle Jones, 469th ABG Legal Office; **Raymond** Matthew, 726th AMS and **Gerald** Wooden, Det. 1 2nd APS.

Civilian Category II: Gregory Cowan, 469th ABG and **William** Harvin, 726th AMS.

Community Bank

The Community Bank's opening hours are now:

■ 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

■ Effective October 1 the bank's operating days will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

■ The final day of business is set for Oct. 28.

Facilities closure

The following facilities are closed:

■ The Gateway Inn (The ATM in the lobby of the building will remain open until October.)

■ Youth center

■ The Rocket Bowling Center (Liberty Cafe remains open until Sept. 30. Hours of operation are: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Mondays - Fridays; 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays.)

Worship services

Chapel services will continue at the chapel through July. Beginning in August, all services will take place in the family support center classroom in Bldg. 347.

For more information, call 330-7501.

Operation Provide Promise

Rhein-Main key to the AF's longest-running airlift operation

By Airman 1st Class Eric Donner
Public Affairs

Throughout the base's storied past, airlifters at Rhein-Main have supported no less than 12 major operations.

One of the longest running airlift operations was Operation Provide Promise, which lasted from July 1992 through January 1996.

The violent disintegration of Yugoslavia in 1992 prompted the United Nations to deploy peacekeeping forces and begin humanitarian relief operations.

Operation Provide Promise, U.S. Air Forces in Europe's longest running humanitarian operation ever, combined the assets of the Air Force and Navy, along with aircraft from 21 other nations. Both naval carrier aircraft and land-based fighters protected humanitarian relief efforts in the besieged cities of the former Yugoslavia.

The host unit at Rhein-Main, the 435th Airlift Wing, began relief missions July 3 and flew as many as six C-130 Hercules missions a day to Sarajevo.

1st Lt. Howard Jones, 167th Airlift Group pilot, was recognized in the Oct. 16, 1992 *Gateway* for flying the missions into Sarajevo.

"We're helping out people who are caught up in a civil war," he said. "We're helping the civilians and the children. I wish we could do more.

"If we could, we would fly in 10 times a day," he added.

Frequent cease-fire violations caused U.N. officials to suspend operations at the Sarajevo Airport. Of the 279 incidents reported by crews, only one resulted in



File photo

C-130s fill the Rhein-Main ramp during Operation Provide Promise, which ran from July 1992 through January 1996, making it U.S. Air Forces in Europe's longest running humanitarian operation ever.

death. An Italian G-222 was shot down in September 1992 killing all four of the crew. French and German participation in the airdrops began March 1994.

According to the *Gateway* of April 2, 1993, although the allies had worked together for other military missions, this was the first time the three countries have joined forces for a humanitarian airlift.

"It's a sign of solidarity to help those who are in need and hurting," said Lt. Col. Georg Schaub, of the 1st German Air Division at Mebstetten.

In August 1995, NATO and United States began a large bombing mission after repeated cease fire violations. The bombing mission combined with peace efforts from other countries involved got

the results they were looking for.

Peace talks began in November 1995 and the Dayton Peace Accords were accepted shortly afterwards. However, Operation Provide Promise did not stop until Jan. 9, 1996.

During the three years of Operation Provide Promise, aircraft from 21 countries had flown more than 12,000 missions to Sarajevo, delivering more than 160,000 tons of food, medicine and supplies and evacuating more than 1,300 wounded.

The United States alone flew more than 4,000 missions, using C-130, C-141 and the newest airlifter in the Air Force inventory, the C-17 aircraft, and delivered more than 87,000 tons of cargo.



The Final Chapter

This section is devoted to the history and legacy of Rhein-Main and how this storied installation will close with grace and dignity. Look for stories on the history of the base, units stationed here and how the closure of facilities affect the mission. Rhein-Main, the "Final Chapter".